



HONOR HARD WORK

To whom it may concern,

As the administrative team at Oakland Charter Academy, we are truly concerned about the safety of our students due to the horrible, unsanitary, drug infestation of Bond Street located directly behind our school. Often times students are forced to walk in the middle of the street due to trash and dumping along the sidewalk. Parents have expressed their frustration and have threatened to remove their students from the school due to the disturbing conditions of Bond street. Many students often are forced to take alternate routes causing an increase in tardiness in efforts to avoid this unsafe, inappropriate and unsanitary environment. There have been several incidents where I have personally asked individuals living on the street to refrain from smoking and/or partaking in alcohol or drugs, as well as inappropriate sexual activity in the presence of our children. On more than one occasion I have asked individuals to put on clothing and be understanding when urinating or having a bowel-movement in or around our children.

I wonder how many of our community leaders children attend schools in or around this type of environment? I wonder what steps they would take to ensure their kids are in a safe learning environment? Why is this acceptable for some kids and unacceptable for others? What have our children done to deserve such treatment? Bond street is a serious issue that warrants immediate attention.

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